*Admission of students in Colleges*

139. *MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam* I) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any restrictions have been imposed in the matter of admission of students to the Junior Intermediate and the Junior B. A. classes of the Arts, Science and Women's Colleges, Trivandrum, besides their eligibility of having passed the English School Leaving Certificate and University Examinations, respectively ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the grievances and loss to parents who have to send the students to colleges outside Trivandrum caused by such restrictions have been brought to the notice of the Government and the Director of Public Instruction; and

(*c*) if so, what action has been taken by the Government to remedy the same ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag : Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Exemptions were granted in deserving cases.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : With reference to the answer to part (*a*), may I know the nature of the restrictions imposed ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : Sir, the information is given in the answer to the next question.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know the accommodation which is provided in the Arts and Science Colleges for the Junior Intermediate and Junior B. A. Classes ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): In the Science College for Group I, that is, Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry, in the Junior Intermediate, there is accommodation for 128 students, and for Group II, that is, Physics, Chemistry and Natural Science, there is accommodation for 100 students. In the Arts College, there is accommodation for about 100 students in the Junior Intermediate Class.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know the number of students admitted into the Junior Intermediate and the Junior B. A. Classes of the Government Colleges this year ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): In the Science College, the maximum provided for has been admitted. In the Arts College 100 students were granted admission ; but only 84 actually joined.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know the strength of the Junior Intermediate and the Junior B. A. Classes in 1101 ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I claim notice.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether more than 200 students were admitted in 1101 ?

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**MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN** (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): May be, Sir. The class-room has since been partitioned and there is accommodation only for 100 students now.

**MR. K. R. ELENKATH** (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether the staff has increased since then?

**MR. C. V. CHANDHASEKHARAN** (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The staff has increased in some branches of the Degree courses.

**MR. K. R. ELENKATH** (*Kalkulam I*): With reference to part (*c*), may I know the basis on which the cases were considered to be deserving.

**MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN** (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Deserving cases are cases that are deserving. I would request the member to read the answer to the question that follows. Though a student does not get the required number of marks in English, he is considered to be a deserving case if he gets compensatory marks in the optional subjects.

**MR. K. R. ELENKATH** (*Kalkulam I*): When it is said that a particular case is a deserving one, it means that it is in variance with the prescribed qualifications. I would like to know whether exemptions, apart from merit, were given to candidates for such reasons as proximity to the College, poverty of the student, etc.

**MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN** (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Students who did not get the prescribed percentage of marks were also given admission if they were deserving cases. In the case of the Women's College, some concession was shown on the ground of sex. In one case I remember concession was shown because the applicant belonged to a backward community.

**MR. K. R. ELENKATH** (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether the consideration of poverty has weighed with the authorities in giving admissions?

**MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN** (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): No, Sir. On the contrary, extreme poverty would be a ground for refusing admission.

**MR. K. R. ELENKATH** (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether Government are aware that students who were refused admission in the Government Colleges got admission in other Colleges?

**MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN** (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I have no definite information on that subject; but I can inform the Honourable member that the strength in the Junior Intermediate Classes in the Nagercoil and Alwaye Colleges has not increased on account of the restrictions imposed in the Government Colleges.

**MR. K. R. ELENKATH** (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether, in view of the special arrangements made in the Arts College, Government will consider the desirability of affording admission to all the candidates who are eligible for admission in that College?

**MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN** (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): No, Sir.



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MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether Government will consider the feasibility of it?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Government do not consider it necessary.

*Admission to the Colleges.*

140. *MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state the groundson which the applicants were granted or refused admission to the Junior Intermediate and Junior B. A. classes of the local Government Colleges this year (1936)?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag: Director of Public Instruction*):

*For the Junior Intermediate Class.*

Those who failed more than twice in the English School Leaving Certificate Examination and those who did not obtain the prescribed percentage of marks in certain subjects were refused admission. A few cases in which deficiency in one subject was compensated by good marks in another subject were granted admission.

*For the Junior B. A. Class.*

Those who appeard for the Intermediate Examination more than three times were refused admission.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know whether students who have appeared for the Intermediate Examination more than thrice have been admitted in Private Colleges in and outside the State?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): They may have been admitted.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know why such Colleges admit such students?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Because the Private Colleges in the State have not been able to accept these restrictions to the fullest extent. They have accepted the restrictions for the Junior Intermediate Class; but they have expressed their inability to accept the restrictions so far as the Junior B. A. Class is concerned.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know whether there is any order restricting admissions to the Junior Intermediate and the Junior B. A. Classes?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, Sir.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know whether Government passed the orders on their own initiative or on the recommendation of the Director of Public Instruction?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The correspondence which passes between the Heads of Departments and Government is confidential.

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